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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Deepak Tandon

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EXAMINER: Martin, Angela J.

FOR: "Thermally Modified Carbon Blacks for Various Type Applications and a Process for Producing Same"

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RESPONSE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated August 3, 2006. A shortened statutory period was set to expire one month from the date of the Office Action making a response due by September 3, 2006. Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response for one month from September 3, 2006 to October 3, 2006.

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 3, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner requested that applicant provisionally elect claims from one of two groups pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121. Applicant is hereby notifying the Examiner that applicant wishes to elect Group 1, claims 1-25, drawn to thermally modified carbon blacks, classified in class 423, subclass 449.2. This election is being made without traverse.

Having complied with the requirements of the Examiner, applicant requests the case be examined on the merits and that a Notice of Allowance be forthcoming.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.